

## **2014 Nevada State Officer Candidate Hot Topics**

### **Stand and Deliver and Composition Activity Hot Topics:**

**One topic from the list below will be chosen by the Nominating Committee to be used for the Stand and Deliver practicum. Each candidate will be expected to present an extemporaneous speech on a category relevant to FFA, agriculture, or the American education system. A separate topic will be chosen by the State Staff to be used in the Composition Practicum. All candidates will complete a written essay on a topic relevant to agriculture, FFA or the American education system. The purpose of the essay is focused on student's ability to convey knowledge and understanding in a different way than allowed through multiple choice questions. Candidates are expected to have a firm grasp of each topic and be prepared to present on each of them.**

#### **FFA Related:**

1. Creation of an Alumni Affiliate in Nevada.
2. Living to Serve
3. Promoting Opportunities: State and National FFA Programs beyond the chapter.

#### **Agriculture Education Topics:**

1. Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) integration into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
2. Preparing students for careers in agriculture.
3. Addressing the nationwide shortage of Agriculture Educators.

#### **Agriculture-Related Topics:**

1. Production Agriculture - Returning to the farm.
2. Public Lands Grazing
3. We are all on the same team - Diversification in Agriculture Production.

### **Facilitation Hot Topics:**

**The purpose of this round is to evaluate the candidate's ability to plan and facilitate a 5 to 10-minute portion of a student workshop in front of a realistic audience. Candidates will be given a set of key points about a topic chosen by the nominating committee. It will be the candidate's responsibility to use the materials provided for them to plan, craft and implement appropriate methods for engaging the audience and addressing the key points.**

**One topic from the list below will be chosen by the Nominating Committee to be used for the Facilitation practicum. Each topic additionally has a title of the workshop that will be presented. The candidate will not know the specific audience or situation until they enter the preparation room. Candidates are expected to have a firm grasp of each topic and be prepared to present on each of them.**

1. The relationship of Career and Technical Education to FFA and Agricultural Education – “Preparing Students for Success”
2. Agricultural Advocacy – “Are you telling the story?”
3. Making Connections – “From Me to We”
4. Diversity in Perspectives – “Seeking a New Perspective”
5. The FFA Experience – “What it means to wear the blue jacket.”